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## **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, OCTOBER 1995**

#### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Series updated since the September 1995 issue are: population; labour force, job vacancies, industrial disputes; housing finance, building approvals; retail turnover; new motor vehicle registrations; State accounts; and business expectations.

Notable movements in this issue include:

- The estimated resident population of the ACT at 31 March 1995 was 303,900, an increase of 2,300 (0.8%) in the March quarter and 3,700 (1.2%) since 31 March 1994. Over the year to 31 March 1995 natural increase contributed 86 per cent of the population growth with net migration only contributing 14 per cent. In previous years, the contribution from net migration was much higher but this contribution has been declining over recent years (49% in year to June 1991; 33% in 1992; 23% in 1993). Australia's population reached 18 million in March 1995 and it took 5 years to gain the latest million people.
- Trend total employed in the ACT increased by another 1,200 persons to reach 160,400 persons in September 1995, which was 5,800 (or 3.8%) above the level recorded in September 1994. However the estimate of trend full-time employed decreased by 500 persons over the year to September 1995, with part-time employment providing all the growth in total employment. The trend unemployment series declined slightly (down 200 persons) in September 1995 to now stand at 12,000 persons, which was much the same level of a year ago. The participation rate for the ACT rose by another 0.4 percentage points in September 1995 (an additional 900 people to the labour force) to reach 74.7 per cent, the highest on record and around 9 percentage points above that for Australia. The trend unemployment rate for the ACT in September 1995 was 7.0 per cent which was the lowest of all States/Territories and below the national level of 8.3 per cent.
- The estimate of job vacancies in the ACT declined by 35 per cent in the quarter to August 1995 and

- by 66 per cent over the year to August 1995. This compares to a national increase of 15 per cent in the August 1995 quarter and a decline of 10 per cent over the year.
- There were no working days lost due to industrial disputes in June 1995 for the ACT. Over the year to June 1995, only 6 working days per 1,000 employees was lost in the ACT, which was well below the national figure of 86 days.
- The trend series for the number of dwellings financed and total value of commitments show that April 1995 was the low point following 13 consecutive monthly falls in the ACT. From April to July 1995, both series showed monthly increases with the number of dwellings financed increasing by 12 per cent and the value of housing commitments financed increasing by 8 per cent in the ACT. This turnaround is consistent with the national trend series.
- The trend for the total number of ACT dwelling units approved declined for the tenth consecutive month with 133 dwelling units being approved in August 1995, compared to the high of 285 in October 1994.
- The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for August 1995 was \$185.2 million, an increase of only \$0.2 million (0.1%) over the previous month's turnover. This compares with a 0.9 per cent increase for Australia in August 1995. The national trend retail turnover has increased by 8.7 per cent over the last 12 months, compared to 6.4 per cent for the ACT.
- The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in August 1995 was 1,005, a decrease of 2.1 per cent from July 1995, but 9.8 per cent higher than for August 1994. The trend series in the ACT has shown a slight decrease for each of the last four months. Nationally there was a 1.5 per cent decrease from July 1995 and an increase of 3.1 per cent over August 1994.

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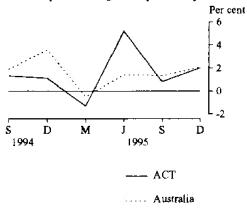
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- Experimental estimates of trend constant price Gross State Product (GSP) for the ACT grew 0.4 per cent in the June quarter and 2.5 per cent through the year, showing similar rates to the national growth in GDP (I).
- The short-term outlook of businesses sales of goods and services for the December quarter 1995 compared with the September quarter 1995 indicated an increase of 2.0 per cent for the ACT, compared to 2.1 per cent for Australia.

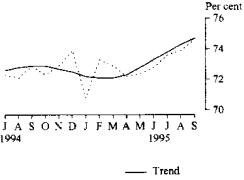
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#### SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

#### EXPECTED SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES Expected change from previous quarter

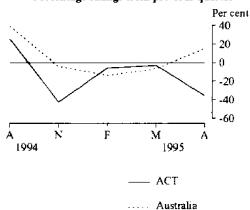


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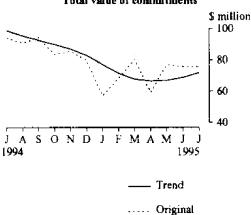


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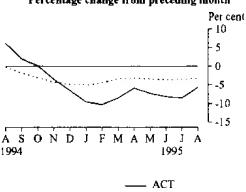
### JOB VACANCIES Percentage change from previous quarter



HOUSING FINANCE Total value of commitments

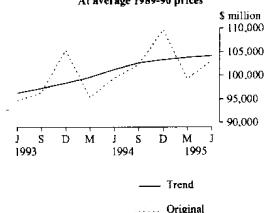


**DWELLINGS APPROVED - TREND** Percentage change from preceding month



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#### GROSS STATE PRODUCT At average 1989-90 prices



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TABLE 1. AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, DECEMBER QUARTER 1995/SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1996 EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE (per cent)

Period	Australian Capital Territory	Australia		
Short-term				
Sept. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1994	1.1	3.6		
Dec. qtr 1994-Mar. qtr 1995	- 1.3	- 0.5		
Mar. qtr 1995-June qtr 1995	5.2	1.4		
June qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1995	0.8	1.3		
Sept. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1		
Medium-term				
Sept. qtr 1994-Sept. qtr 1995	1.5	2.9		
Dec. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1995	3.5	3.3		
Mar. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	3.0	3.0		
June qtr 1995-June qtr 1996	- 0.8	2.3		
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4		

TABLE 2. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, OCTOBER 1995

		Aus	tralian Capital	Territory	Australia			
Indicator	Unit	Latest figure	previous	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure		Change from same period previous year (%)	
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR			(,	()			· · · · · ·	
POPULATION, March gtr 95	6000	303.9	0.8	1.2	18 000.5	0.4	1.1	
Natural increase	no.	841	6.7	- 1.2	36 667	10.2	1.4	
Net migration	no.	1 384	- 325.0	- 6 390.9	31 992	263.6	63.7	
Total increase	no.	2 225	1 186.1	168.4	68 659	63.2	<b>23</b> .3	
ABOUR FORCE, September 95 Original series								
Employed	'000	161.6	2.0	4.3	8 340.6	1.5	3.1	
Unemployed	000	10.6	- 12.4	- 10.2	763.3	5.7	- 8.	
Unemployment rate(a)	%	6.2	- 0.9	- 0.9	8.4	0.3	- 0.9	
Participation rate(a)	%	74.6	0.7	1.7	64.2	1.1	0.4	
Long-term unemployed (August 95)	no.	2 492	- 7.4	- 27.7	222 212	- 4.1	- 23.4	
Long-term unemployed as percentage total		2 -02		2		.,,_		
unemployed (August 95)(a) Trend series	%	20.6	- 3.7	- 12.0	30.8	- 1.9	- 5.6	
Employed	.000	160.4	0.8	3.8	8 279.4	0.1	3.1	
Unemployed	000	12.0	- 1.6	- 0.8	753.3	6,0	- 8.4	
Unemployment rate(a)	96	7.0	-0.1	- 0.3	8.3		-1.0	
Participation rate(a)	%	74.7	0.4	1.8	63.7	_	0.	
DB VACANCIES, August 95	6000	0.8	- 35.2	- 65.6	62.0	15.3	- 9.8	
NDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, June 95								
Working days lost Days lost per '000 employees (year ended June 95)	1000 no.	6	- 100.0 	- 92.4	39.0 86		37.: 4.!	
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION HOUSING FINANCE, July 95 Secured commitments to individuals for Original series								
Construction of dwellings	\$m	7.0	-30.7	- 30.7	541.4	- 2.7	- 26.9	
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	8.7	- 15.5	~ 48.2	183.3	- 2.7	- 5 <i>.</i> :	
Purchase of established dwellings	<b>\$</b> m	43.0	6.2	- 25.5	2 822.6	- 5.5	- 5.4	
Total housing commitments	\$m	75.6	- 0.4	- 19.3	3 547.4	- 5.0	- 9.	
Seasonally adjusted series								
Total housing commitments Trend series	\$m	82.0	18.3	<b>- 17.9</b>	3 676.6	- 4.1	<b>- 10.</b>	
Total housing commitments IUILDING APPROVALS, August 95	<b>\$</b> m	71.9	4.5	- 27.2	3 570.7	3.6	- 11.6	
Original series								
Dwelling units	no.	122	- 47.4	- 58.9	11 573	2.8	– <b>39</b> .	
Value of new residential	\$m	14.0	- 50.4	- 46.8	1 091.1	4.1	-38.	
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	6.1	_ 29.8	1.7	196.4	4.6	- 18.	
Value of non-residential	\$m	34.6	181.3	47.9	1 114.3	44.2	28.	
Value of total building	\$m	54.7	21.0	- 1.8	2 401.8	19.6	- <b>16</b> .	
Trend series		133	- 5.7	- 13.6	10 753	- 3.2	- 35,	
Dwelling units	no.	133	- 5.1	- 13,0	TO 100	- 5.2	- 30,	
IUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, March qtr 95	p.A	316	- 15.3	- 14.8	24 259	- 23.9	- 15.4	
New houses	no.				2 369.1	- 23.9 - 22.1	- 15. - 9.1	
Value of houses commenced	\$m	37.5 55.5	- 11.6 - 24.3	- 7.4 - 65.3	2 093.0	- 22.1 - <b>4.</b> 9	– 9.1 – 7.3	
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m \$m	128.9	- 24.3 - 26.1	- 53.4	6 059.2	- 4.9 - <b>16.4</b>	- 7 - 4.1	
Value of total commencements	фm	120.9	- 20.1	- 55.4	0 009.2	- 10,4	<u> </u>	

For footnotes see end of table.

TABLE 2. AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, OCTOBER 1995 — continued

		Aus	Australian Capital Territory			Australia			
		Latest	previous period	Change from same period previous year	Latest	period	same period previous year		
Indicator	Unit	figure	(96)	(%)	figure	(%)	(%)		
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION — continued PRICE INDEXES									
Established house price index, June qtr 95	(1989-90								
Price index of house building materials, June 95	=100.0) (b)	128.1 154.9	-2.1 0.1	- <b>4</b> .3 2.2	112.4 158.0		1.4 2.4		
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PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, June qtr 95	(1989-90 =100.0)								
Food Housing		116.7 110.7	0.3 1.8	4.8 11.5	113.7 104.7				
Transportation		122.1	2.0	3.7	118.8	1.3	3.1		
All groups		117.6	1.1	5.0	116.2	1.3	4.5		
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, May 95 Original series	_								
Males Females	\$ \$	718.50 516.50	1.5 0.7	0.6 4.1	652.70 429.90				
Total persons	<b>š</b>	616.20	1.0	2.3	548.10		3.1		
Trend series  Maies	\$	711.40	0.6	_	653.80	0.9	4.1		
Females	\$ \$	511.30	1.1	3.4	430.30	0.7	2.3		
Total persons	\$	611.30	1.1	1.7	548.50	0.6	3.0		
RETAIL TURNOVER, August 95									
Original series Food retailing	<b>\$</b> m	74.6	3.9	14.9	3 922.3	3.6	13.2		
Department stores	\$m	19.9	- 20.4	2.1	874.0	- 0,8	9.4		
Hospitality and services All other retailing	\$m \$m	28.5 53.6	-7.2 -2.4	- 0.3 - 3,9	1 694.9 3 139.7	0.9	8.9 4.5		
Total	\$m	176.6	- 3.2	4.6	9 630.9				
Trend series Food retailing	\$m	75.1	0.7	13.4	3 920.1	0.9	11.0		
Department stores	\$m	24.4	0.8	3.8	992.7	1.5	7.4		
Hospitality and services All other retailing	\$m \$m	29.3 56.4	- 1.3 - 0.2	3.2 0.7	1 738.0 3 267.0				
Total	\$m	185.2	0.1	6.4	9 917.8	0.9	8.7		
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, December qtr 94 Original series							_		
Room nights Takings at current prices	'000 \$m	215.8 18.4	0.9 2.1	0.1 0.5	9 051.2 796.9	1.4 4.9	6.4 12.3		
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	14.5	- 15.2	- 12.7	624.3	- 3.6	5.7		
Seasonally adjusted senes Room nights	1000	204.1	- 3.6	1.0	8 878.1	2.9	6.4		
Takings at current prices	\$m	17.7	- 6.8	1.7	770.5	4.3	12.4		
Takings at 1989-90 prices Trend series	\$m	14.0	- 18.6	- 11.4	612.3	- 1.7	5.8		
Room nights	,000	205.8	- 1.5	0.7	8 840.5	2.2			
Takings at current prices Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m \$m	18.1 15.2	- 1.1 - 4.4	3.4 - 3.2	767.2 619.6				
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, August 95									
Motor vehicles	no.	1 146	27.1	6.9	54 125	2.3			
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles Trend motor vehicles	no. no.	936 1 005	1.1 - 2.1	6.2 9.8	50 249 52 932		1,6 3.1		
AGGREGATE INDICATORS STATE ACCOUNTS, June qtr 95(c) Original series									
Gross State product at average 1989-90 prices Gross State product at current prices	\$m \$m	2 124 2 438	11.1 9.6	3.3 4.5	103 210 114 566	4.0 5.0			
State final demand at average 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 943	8.5	- 2.0	105 252	8.0	4.3		
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m \$m	1 342 205	5.8 1.5	6.4 - 34.7	71 313 19 115				
Private gross fixed capital expenditure Trend series	कृत्त				19 119				
Gross State product at average 1989-90 prices	\$m \$m	2 064 2 391	- 0.4 0.7	2.5 4.0	104 172 115 612		2.8 5.6		
Gross State product at current prices State final demand at average 1989-90 prices	şm \$m	2 872	-0.7	- 1.9	104 151	0.5	4.1		
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 359	1.2	5.3 - <b>29</b> .7	72 352 18 710	1.7 - 2.4	6.9 2.0		

<sup>(</sup>a) Change shown in terms of percentage points. (b) ACT data 1986–87 = 100.00, Australia 1985–86 = 100.0. (c) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0). Source: ABS Catalogue Nos: 3101.0, 5206.0, 5242.0, 5609.0, 6202.0, 6203.0, 6302.0, 6321.0, 6354.0, 6401.0, 6408.0, 6416.0, 8501.0, 8634.0, 8635.8, 8731.0, 8752.0.40.001, 8762.0.40.001, 9301.0.

TABLE 3. ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA

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Indicator	Unit	Letest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust,	
POPULATION	'000	Mar. qtr 95	6 097.6	4 496.3	3 256.0	1 473.0	1 724.2	473.2	173.5	303.9	18 000.5	
LABOUR FORCE												
Employed persons (trend) Unemployment rate (trend)	,000 %	Sept. 95 Sept. 95	2 <b>78</b> 0.6 7.6	2 057.0 9.0	1 511.6 9.2	660.2 9.7	829.1 7.3	199.5 9.3	77.5 7.8	1 <b>60.4</b> 7.0	8279.4 8.3	
STATE ACCOUNTS(a)												
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend) Gross State product at	\$m	June qtr 95	35 383	27 562	17 150	7 462	11 622	2 110	1 180	2 064	104 172	
current prices (trend)	\$m	June qtr 95	39 498	30 343	18 766	8 599	12 270	2 437	1 252	2 391	115 612	
BUILDING APPROVALS									4.45	400	44 570	
Dwelling units approved Dwelling units approved	no.	Aug. 95	3 783	2 105	2 924	671	1 596	223	149	122	11 573	
(trend) Value of non-residential	no.	Aug. 95	3 822	2 046	2 678	536	1 382	216	157	133	10 753	
building approved Value of all buildings	<b>\$</b> m	Aug. 95	<b>4 8</b> 05	180.5	289.6	31.5	53.2	23.8	20.7	34.6	1 114.3	
approved	<b>\$</b> m	Aug. 95	950.0	427.1	582.2	94.9	202.6	44.0	46.4	54.7	2 401.8	
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION Value of engineering												
construction work done	\$m	Mar. qtr 95	1 085.6	604.9	664.4	156.8	372.8	50.5	50.1	34.3	3 019.3	
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS												
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	May qtr 95	671.60	644.20	605.70	616.70	643.80	605.90	659.20	735.10	<b>646.1</b> 0	
RETAIL TRADE								000.0	446.5	405.0	0.0420	
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	Aug. 95	3 501.4	2 270.2	1 833.0	769.9	1 002.9	238.3	116.8	185.2	9 917.8	
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION												
Room nights occupied	1000	D 04	2.005.4	4 400 4	0.000 5	E02.2	787.9	263,0	307.2	205.8	8 840.5	
(trend)	,000	Dec. atr 94	3 025,4	1 409.4	2 338.0	503.3	161.9	203.0	301.2	200.6	6 640.5	
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS												
Trend	no.	Aug. 95	18 383	12 <b>39</b> 5	10 386	3 562	5 362	1 189	650	1 005	52 932	
			Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Aust.	
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)												
Food		June atr 95	114.0	111.7	114.5	115.7	115.7	116.1	115.5	116.7	113.7	
Housing		June atr 95	106.6	102.0	110.7	102.2	99.0	104,5 117.2	115.5 116.4	110.7 122.1	104.7 118.8	
Transportation All Groups		June qtr 95 June qtr 95	116.8 115.4	119.9 116.2	117.4 116.9	121.4 118.8	121.4 114.9	117.1	116.8	117.6	116.2	
Average retail prices (cents)												
Milk, carton, supermarket							440.0	400.0	400 D	400.0		
sales Bread, white loaf, sliced,	1 litre	Aug. atr 95	108.0	113.0	111.0	110.0	112.0	120.0	100.0	109.0	n.a.	
supermarket sales	680 g	Aug. qtr 95	179.0	160.0	171.0	139.0	163.0	156.0	185.0	185.0	⊓.a.	
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Aug. qtr 95	1 260.0	1 120.0	1 138.0	1 121.0	1 120.0		1 258.0	1 186.0	n.a.	
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Aug. qtr 95	295.0	321.0	294.0	323.0	324.0	346.0	359.0	302.0	n.a.	
Potatoes	1 kg	Aug. qtr 95	98.0	137.0	106.0	87.0 548.0	121.0	71.0	123.0 520.0	110.0 568.0	n.a.	
·	Ogjar	Aug. qtr 95	573.0	561.0	602.0	546.0 316.0	<b>583</b> .0 357.0	653.0 211.0	296.0	274.0	n.a. л.a.	
Scotch nip, public bar Private motoring —	30 ml	Aug. qtr 95	306.0	260.0	242.0							
petrol, leaded Private motoring —	1 litre	Aug. qtr 95	70.6	71.1	63.8	72.0	75.4	75.4	76.4	75.0	n.a.	
petrol, unleaded	1 litre	Aug. qtr 95	68.6	69.1	61.8	69.1	73.4	73.4	74.4	73.0	n.a.	

<sup>(</sup>a) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

TABLE 4. ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA -- PERCENTAGE CHANGES

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vfc.	Qld	SA	. WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Mar. qtr 95	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.4
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	Sept. 95	0.3	- 0.2	-0.1	0.2	- 0.2	- 0.2	- 1.1	0.8	0.1
Unemployment rate (trend)(a)	Sept. 95	_	0.2	0.1	_	_	- 0.1		- 0.1	_
STATE ACCOUNTS(b)										
Gross State product at										
1989-90 prices (trend)	June qtr 95	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.9	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.3
Gross State product at										
current prices (trend)	June atr 95	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.9	1.2	2.5	0.7	1.3
BUILDING ÀPPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved	Aug. 95	- 10.0	2.6	10.0	16.5	32.7	4.7	35.5	- 47.4	2.8
Dwelling units approved (trend)	Aug. 95	- 2.4	- <b>4</b> .3	-3.0	- 0.7	-1.2	- 2.7	- 1.3	- 5.7	- 3.2
Value of non-residential	Aug. 30	- 2.4	- 4.5	- 3.0	- 0.1	- 1.2		- 1.0		0.1
building approved	Aug. 95	28.8	37.4	95.8	- 13.2	- 3.4	150.5	1 <del>9</del> 1.5	181.3	44.2
Value of all buildings approved	Aug. 95	7.8	18.0	42.7	4.7	17.9	50.2	124.2	21.0	19.6
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction										
work done	Mar. qtr 95	- 11.7	9.0	- 16.4	- 8.4	- 1.6	25.3	- 41.9	- 32.5	- 8.7
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time	May, qtr 95	1.4	1.6	1.5	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.3
(trend)	May. qu 95	1.4	1.0	1.5	0.9	1.1	Ų.G	0.1	1.5	1,5
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	Aug. 95	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.6	1.2	_	1.3	0.1	12.3
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST										
HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	Dec. atr 94	3.0	3.0	0.8	4.3	- 0.8	- 2.4	12.2	- 1.5	2.2
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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE										
REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	Aug. 95	- 1.7	- 1.3	- 1.7	- 0.8	- 0,9	- 0.4	- 2.7	- 2.1	- 1.5
		Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX										
(1989–90=100.0) Food	June atr 95	0.5	0.4	0.4		0.5	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.4
Housing	June atr 95	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.2	1.8	2.2	1.8	1.8
Transportation	June at 95	1.2	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.3	2.0	1.3
All Groups	June qtr 95	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.1	1.3
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Average retail prices (cents)	Aug> 05		4.0			^ 7	2.2			
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Aug. atr 95	0.9	1.8	_	5.8	3.7	2.6	1.0	<del></del>	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced,	Aug. qtr 95	1.1	3.9	1.8	0.7	5.2	- 0.6		5.1	n.a.
supermarket sales Beef, rump steak	Aug. qu 95 Aug. qtr 95	- 0.6	3.9 4.9	0.7	- 1.6	- 1.9	- 0.6 - 0.6	2.6	3.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Aug. qtr 95 Aug. qtr 95	- 0.6 - 2.6	1.3	0.7	- 1.5 - 1.5	- 1.9 - 3.9	- 0.8 - 1.1	4,4	7.1	n.a.
Potatoes	Aug. qtr 95 Aug. qtr 95	- 2.0 - 8.4	0.7	- 2.8	- 1.5 - 13.0	- 3.9 - 2.4	- 1.1 - 6.6	0.8	0.9	n.a.
Coffee, instant	Aug. qtr 95	- 0.4 - 1.7	- 3.4	4.9	- 13.0 - 4.5	4.9	2.7	1.2	- 4.2	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Aug. qtr 95	1.3	1.6	1.3	0.3	- 1.7	- 0.5	1.0	2.2	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol,	unt de aa	1,5	1.0	1.5	Ų. <b>Ų</b>	- 1.7	- 0.5	1.0	2.2	11.43.
leaded	Aug. qtr 95	2.5	0.9	1.9	1.0	3.4	4.0	2,6	3.0	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol,										_
unleaded	Aug. qtr 95	2.5	0.9	2.0	_	3.5	4.1	2.6	3.1	n.a.

<sup>(</sup>a) Change shown in terms of percentage points. (b) State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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